In the Specification

Please amend the first paragraph of the Specification as follows:

The present invention is a continuation of and claims c̶l̶a̶i̶m̶ priority of U.S. Ser. No. 09/748,520 filed December 22, 2000 entitled "Method and Apparatus for Displaying Real-Time Status of Product Availability, Order, and Sales Revenue."

Please amend the paragraph [0036] of the Specification as follows:

Continuing with FIG. 5, the alert setting and display process begins after an initialization 105, by fetching the WIP table 106 and then processing with each order in the WIP table. The program fetches the respective product category 108 and then the maximum promise date 110. The maximum promise date is the latest date promised to the customer for shipment. The request date is then fetched 112, and then the process determines whether the promise date is after the request date 114. If the promise date is later than the request date 114a, then a "Promise Alert" is set and displayed for that order 116, and the process moves to the order already shipped question 118. If the maximum promise date is prior to the request date 114b, then the process skips the promise alert step 116 and moves directly to the order already shipped 118 determination. If the order has already been shipped 118a, the process moves directly to check to see if all the orders have been processed at 124. If not 118b, the process then determines whether the request date is within a preset number of days from a current d̶a̶t̶a̶ date 120. In this embodiment, the preset number of days is two. If the request date is not within two days of the current date 120a then the process moves to check if another order must be processed at 124. If the request date is within two days of the current date 120b, then the "Ship Alert" is set and displayed 122, and the process moves to check if all the orders have been processed 124. The process then repeats for all orders 124, 124a. Once all of the orders have been processed 124b, the alerts are accumulated and displayed for the individual orders sorted by product category and type of alert 126. The alerts provide opportunities for management to fix problems before they happen.

Please amend the paragraph [0039] of the Specification as follows:

Fig. 7 is a representation of the Z-value graphic indicator in accordance with another aspect of the invention. The preferred embodiment provides an indicator 140 written in Java.

The ranges of values on the scale 142 change automatically to best reflect the value to be

indicated, and the needle 144 indicates the value of the current calculation.